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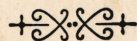
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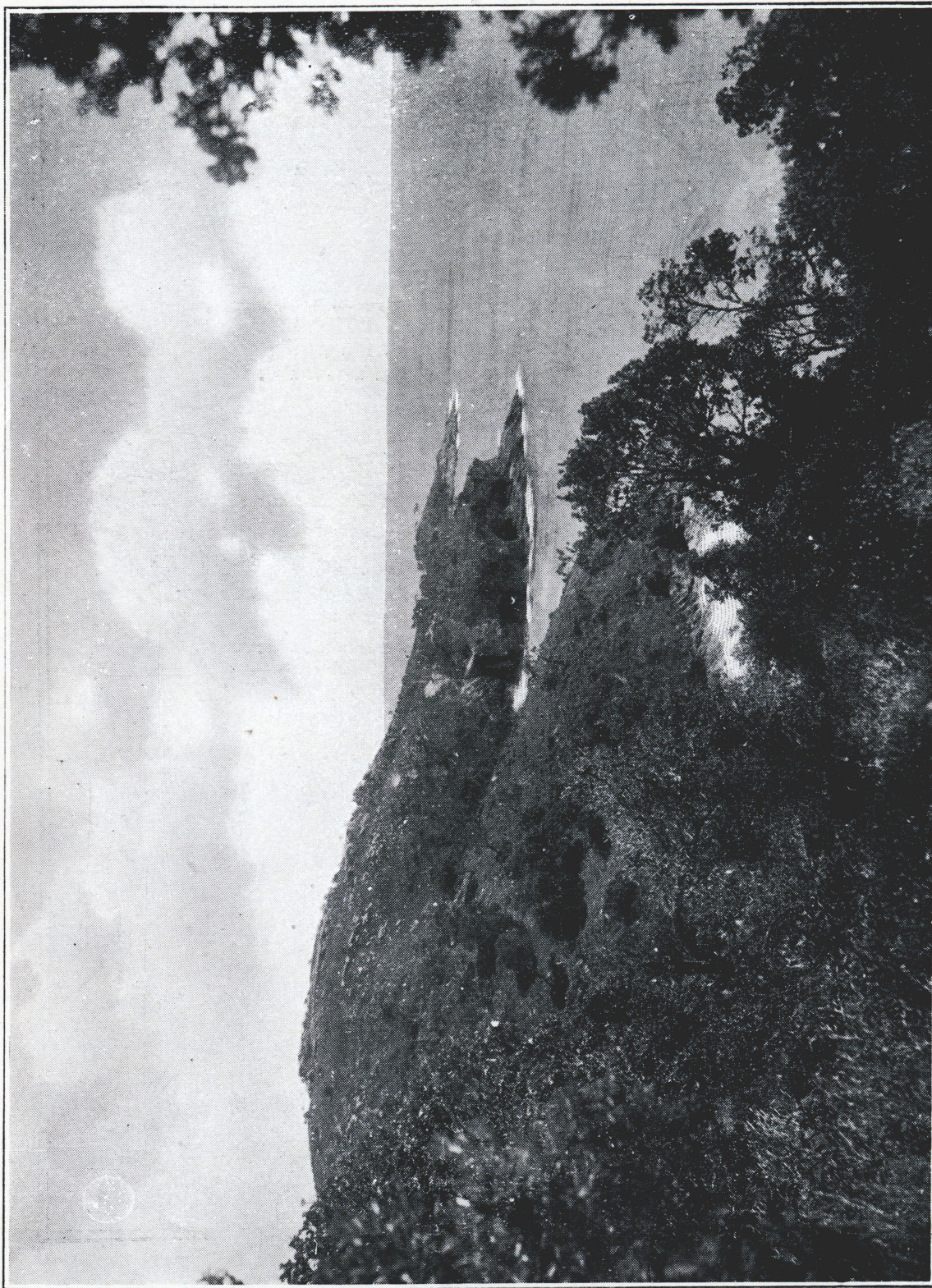


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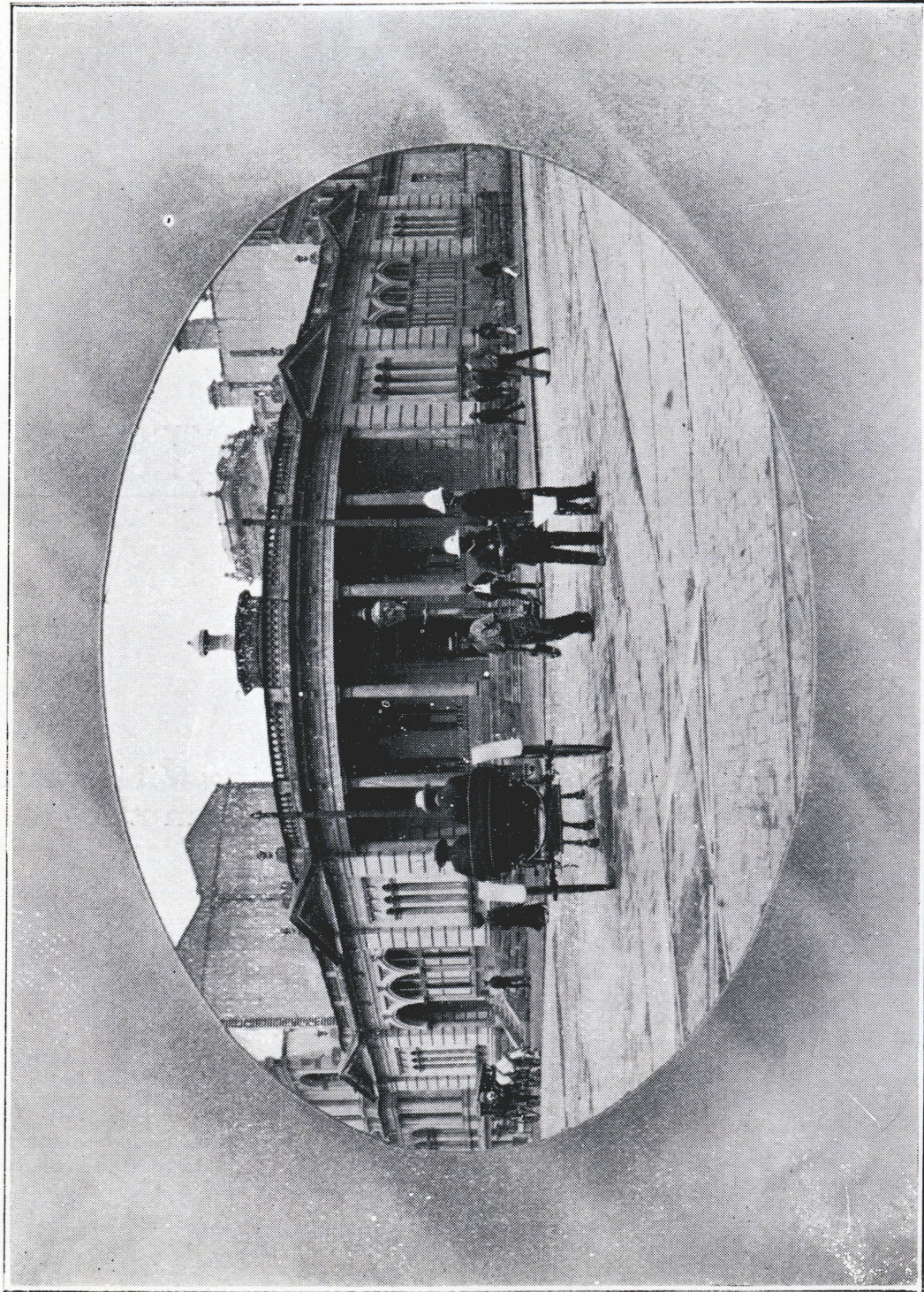


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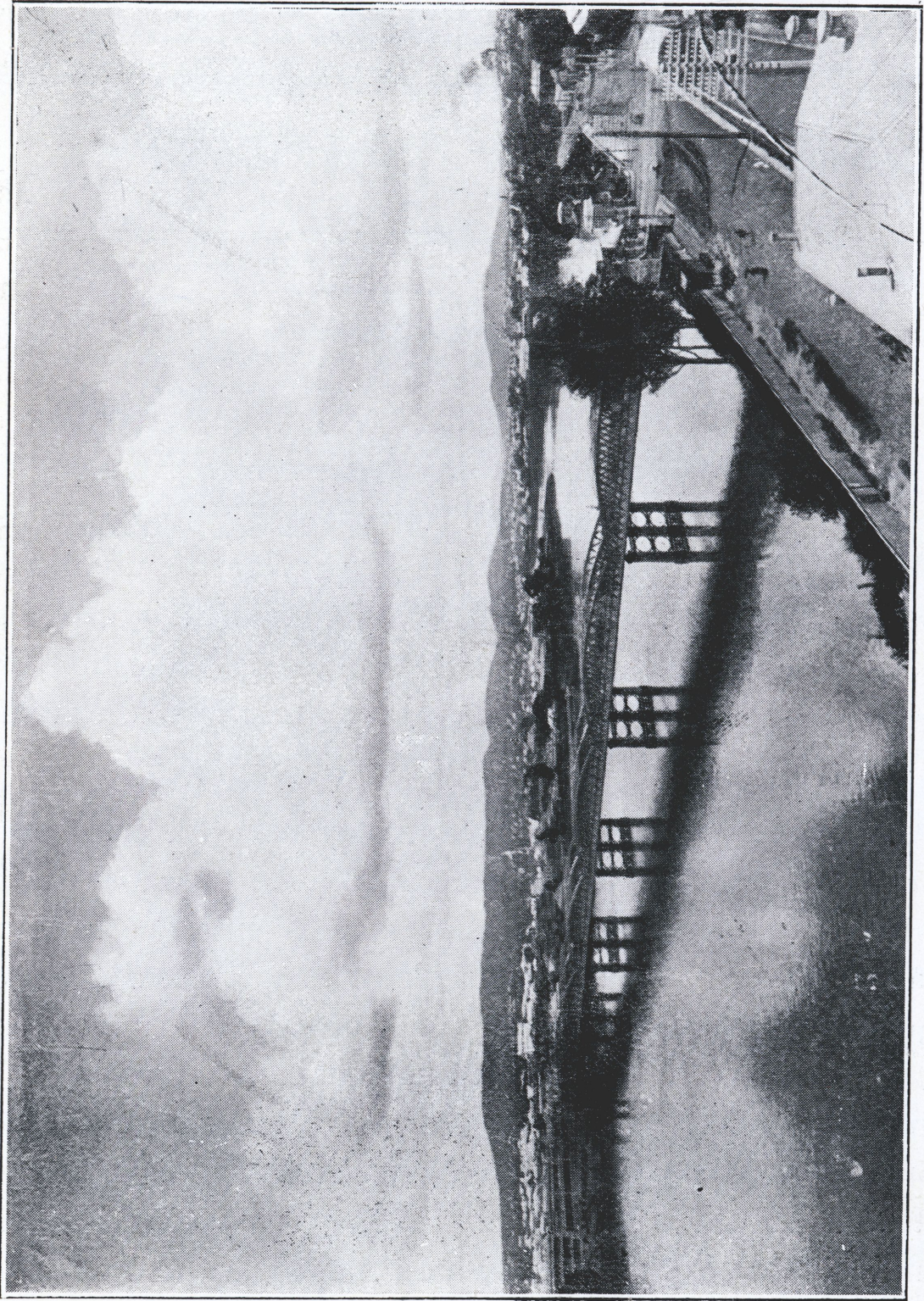
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QUEENSLAND has been designated "The Winter Paradise of Australia," and few who have enjoyed a winter trip along the north-east coast of our island continent will gainsay the fact that such designation is merited. Each year the number of tourists who avail themselves of an opportunity to visit Queensland is increasing, and there is every indication that the present tourist season will show a great increase on any previous year in the number of travellers.

Residents of the Southern States have an impression that the climate of Queensland can only be tolerated during the winter months. Such an impression is entirely erroneous, as a study of the comparative table of temperatures given on page 24 conclusively shows. The Queensland summer temperatures are certainly slightly higher than those of the Southern States, but against that we have a regularity of climate unknown in the South. The climate of Brisbane, for instance, for about ten months in the year is almost ideal. January and February, being what is known as the wet season,

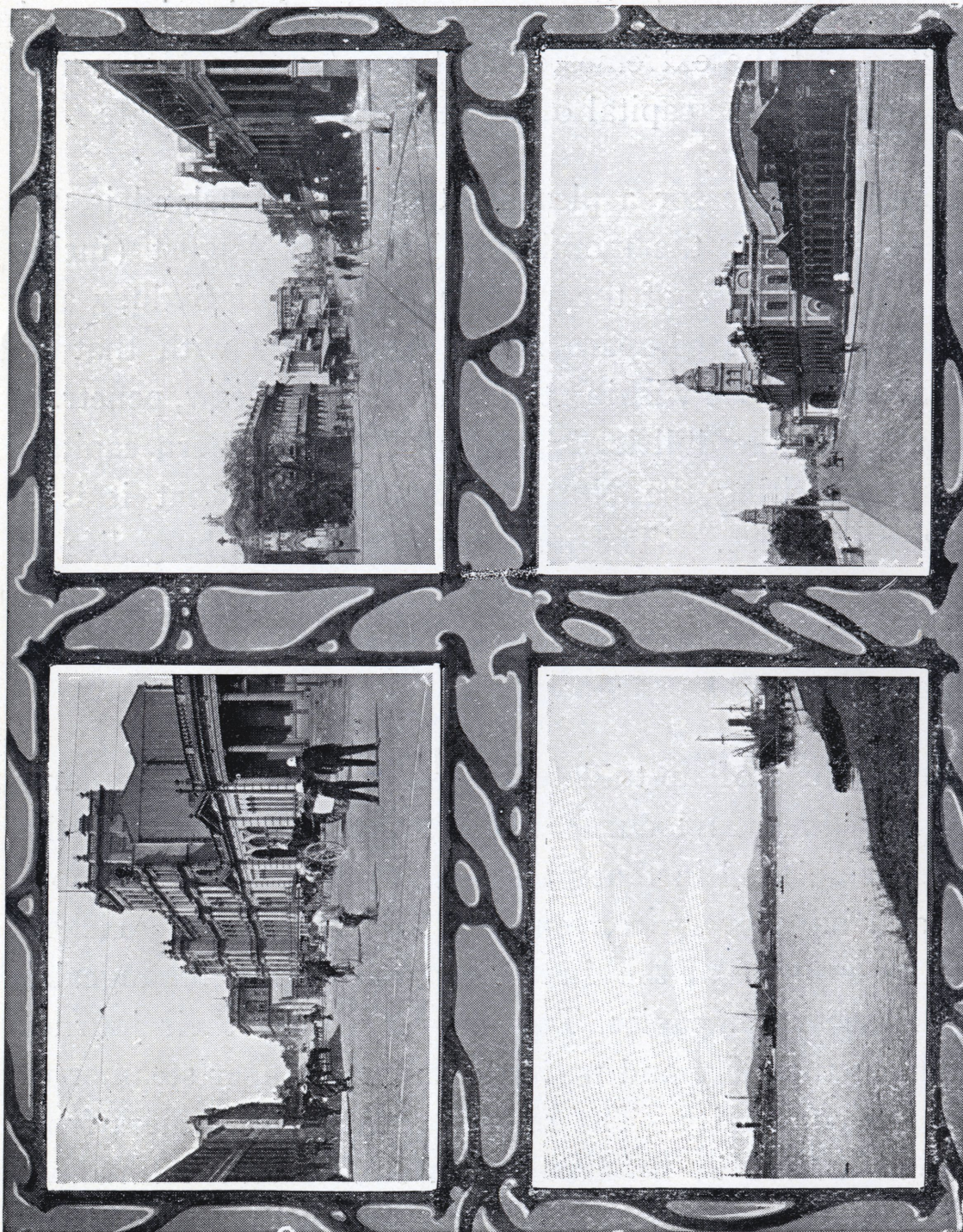


VICTORIA BRIDGE, BRISBANE.

are naturally more trying on account of the increased humidity. But the extremes of heat registered in Melbourne are unknown in the capital of the Great Northern State.

The best time for a pleasure trip to Queensland is undoubtedly between the months of May and August (inclusive). At that time of the year the climate of Sydney and Melbourne cannot compare at all favourably with that of Queensland. Those wishing to avoid the keen, raw, penetrating winds and the dull leaden skies of the Southern capitals will, upon visiting the Northern State, agree that it is a "Winter Paradise." The man who has had a busy life in office or store during the summer months will find rest and regain his full vigour by spending a few weeks along the north-east coast.

Three lines of up-to-date coastal steamers ply regularly between Sydney, Melbourne, and Queensland ports. All the steamers employed in that passenger trade are of large tonnage, and have every convenience for passengers. Tickets issued by any one of the three companies are interchangeable with the other companies. Tourists may break their journey as often as they like and travel by any passenger steamer of any of the companies. The regular passenger steamers from the South arrive in Brisbane on Mondays and Thursdays. Passengers arriving on Monday may proceed northwards on the following day, or may remain in Brisbane and go North



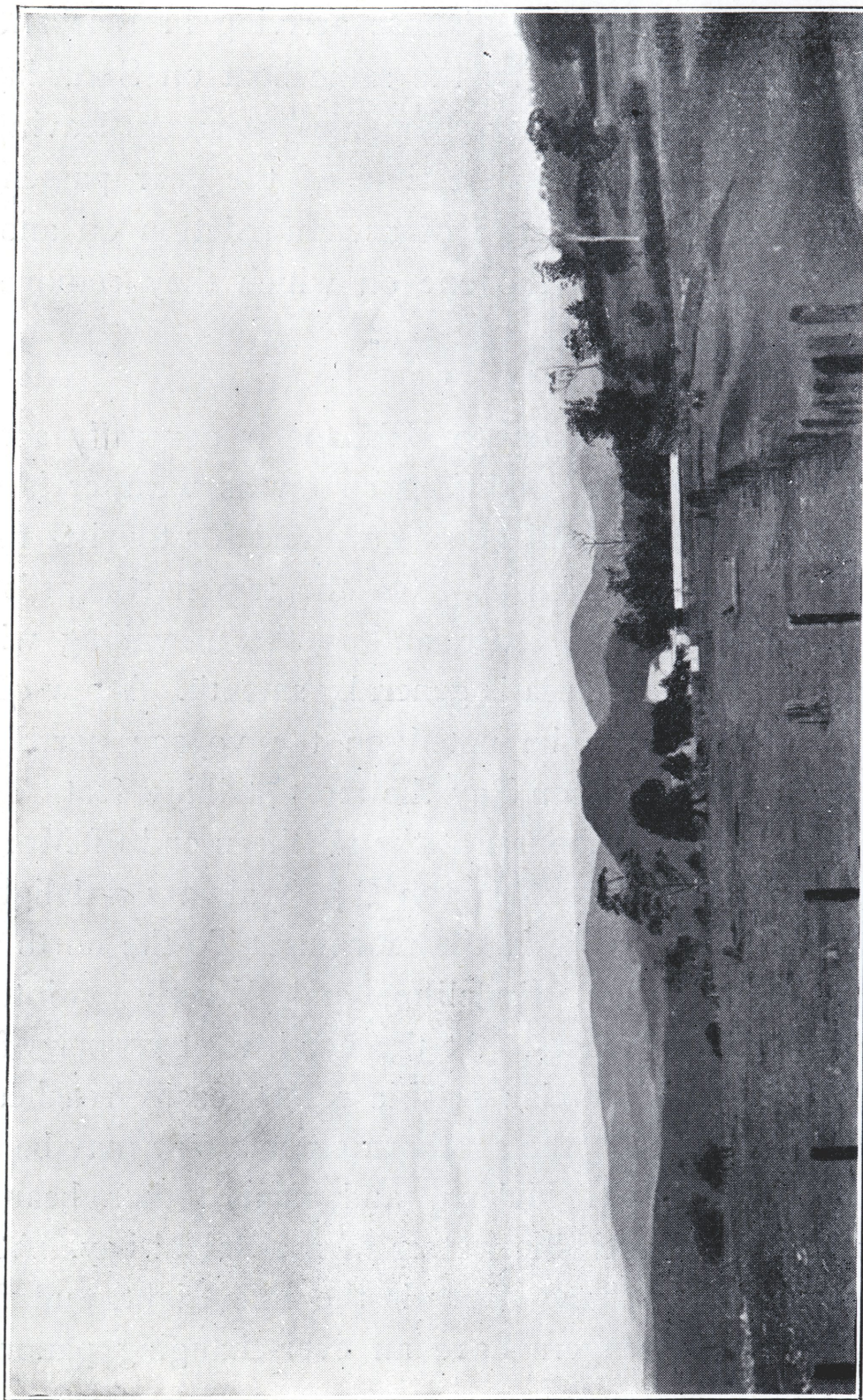
BRISBANE VIEWS.

George Street.
South Brisbane Wharves.

Queen Street.
Central Railway Station.

on Thursday or Saturday. Those arriving in Brisbane on Thursday may go North by the same boat on Saturday or remain for one of the other companies' steamers leaving on Tuesday. During the busiest time of the year passengers would do well to make sure of accommodation on another steamer before leaving the one on which they commenced their journey.

The trip from Sydney to Brisbane is generally accomplished under pleasant conditions so far as weather is concerned. During the months recommended for tourists rough seas are seldom experienced. On the trip northwards the steamer keeps near the coast, and as the prevailing winter winds are westerly, the sea is generally smooth. A few of the bolder headlands may be noted on the voyage north, but before arrival in Moreton Bay the most striking feature will be Cape Moreton lighthouse, at the northern end of Moreton Island. The trip across Moreton Bay is always a delightful one, particularly if made in the morning. To the north may be seen Scarborough, Redcliffe, and Woody Point, all favourite watering places. At the north-west corner of the bay is Sandgate, a popular seaside resort, easily reached by rail from the city. On the southern or port side may be seen Stradbroke, Peel, St. Helena, and many other beautiful islands nestling in the blue waters of a peaceful bay. At the entrance to the Brisbane River is the Pile Light, and from this point the passengers have an ever-changing panorama

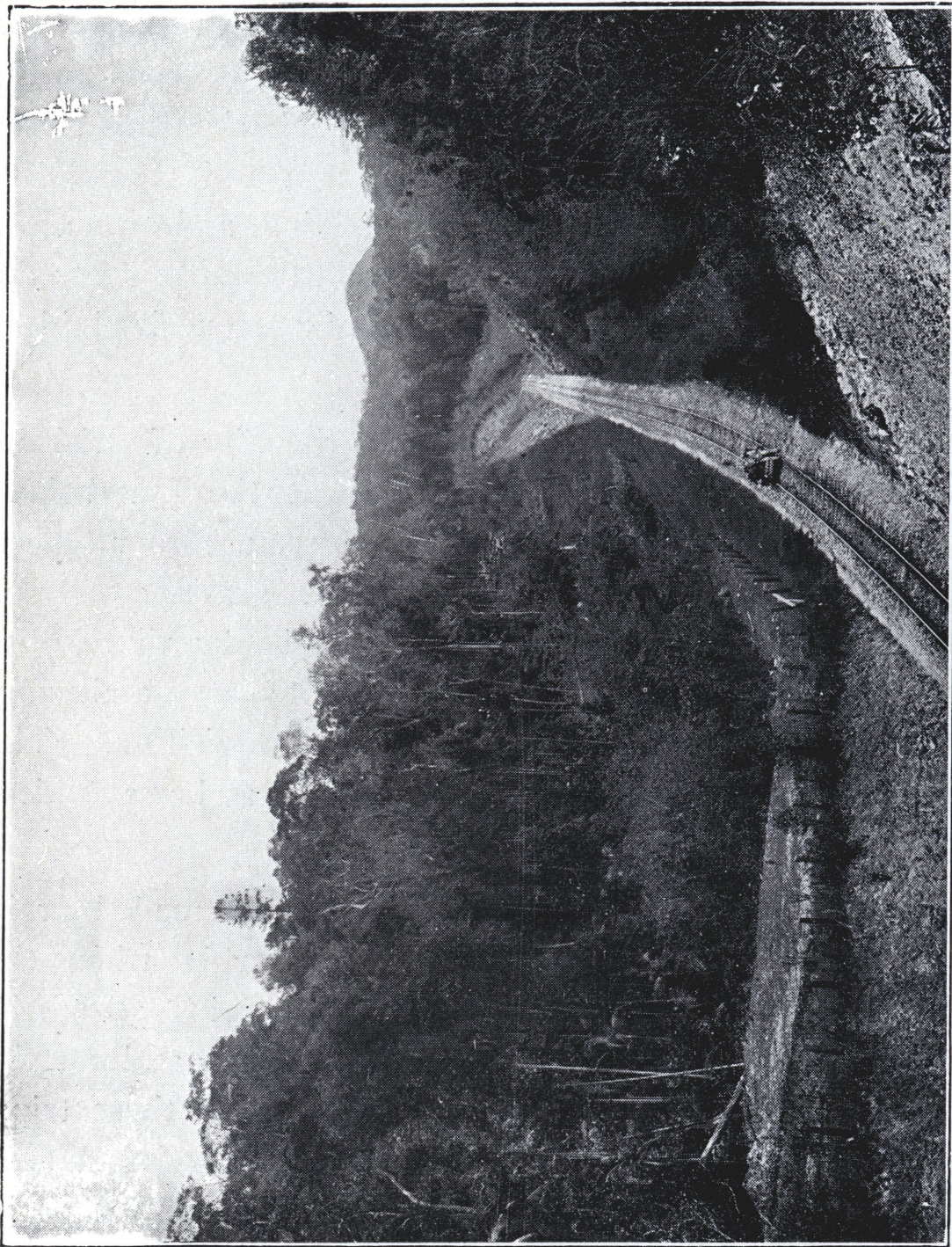


MAIN RANGE, TOOWOOMBA.

of delightful views. The river is fringed with mangroves, always beautifully green, and as the steamer proceeds up the river and approaches the city, charming suburban residences are seen in all directions. The Hamilton and New Farm reaches of the river are particularly striking, and on a clear winter morning tourists readily admit that the entrance to the "Winter Paradise" is quite up to any preconceived ideas they may have formed.

This little guide will not deal with the City of Brisbane itself. Tourists should at once call at the Queensland Government Intelligence and Tourist Bureau, corner Queen and George streets, where they can obtain, gratis, a copy of the "Pocket Brisbane," a "Hotel and Boarding-house Directory," a map of the city showing tram routes, and many other pamphlets of interest and utility to visitors. The Bureau may also be used for correspondence, and as a rendezvous during a visit to Brisbane.

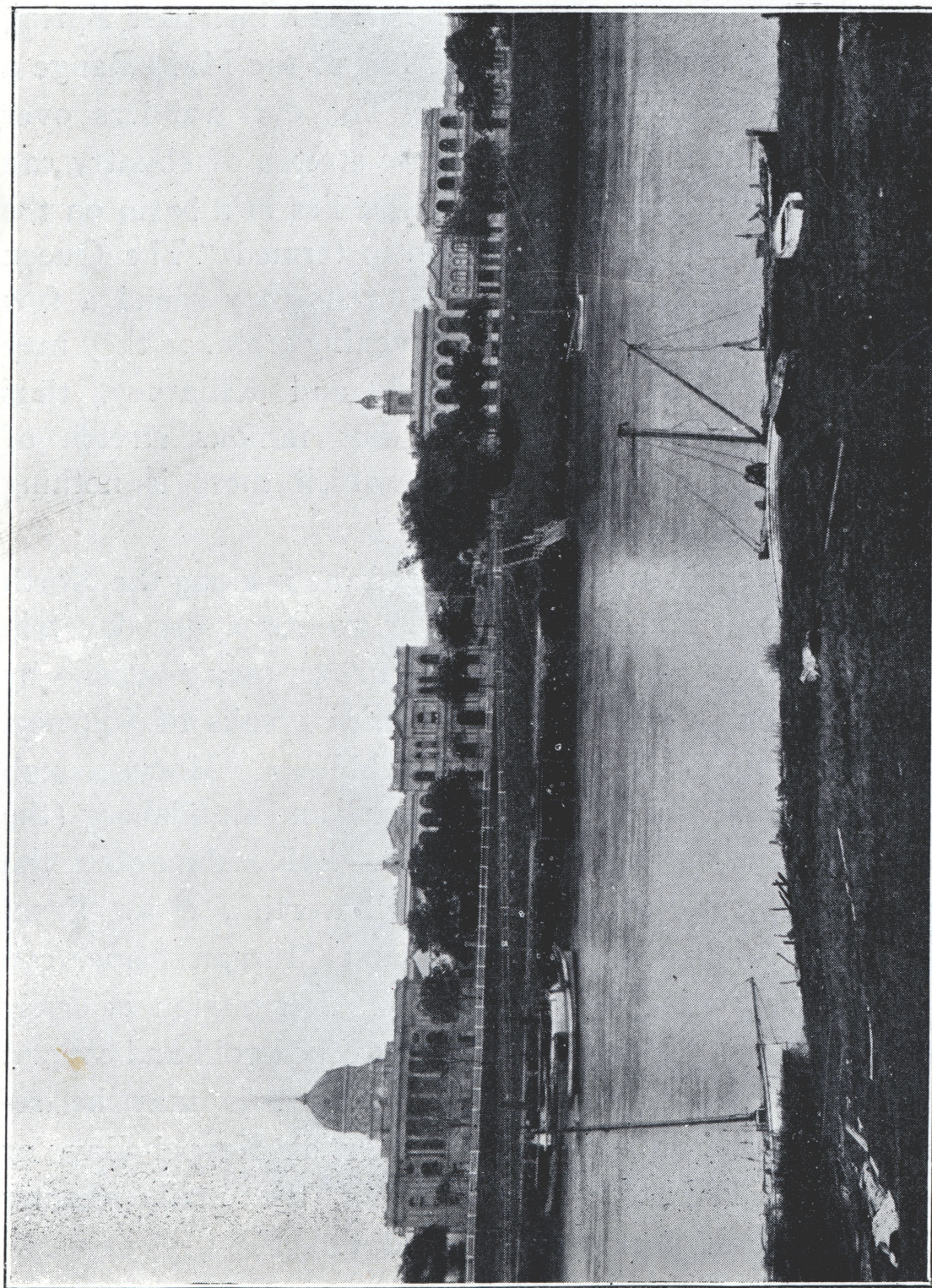
From Brisbane many enjoyable trips can be made by rail. Special train arrangements are usually made when the tourist season is in full swing. Special trains at much-reduced fares are run to the Darling Downs and on the North Coast Railway. No tourist should miss these trips. A run to Toowoomba (101 miles) occupies about four hours, but the beautiful scenery on the journey has few equals in Australia. The railway passes over the fertile plains around Laidley, Forest Hill, and Gatton. From Murphy's Creek the



SCENE ON THE BLACKALL RANGE. NORTH COAST RAILWAY.

line winds in and out amongst the mountains, past Spring Bluff. As the train approaches the top of the Main Range a magnificent panorama opens out. The eye wanders over valley and mountain, and an immense stretch of country can be viewed from the train. Toowoomba lies in a basin on the top of the range, and has been aptly termed "The Queen City of the Queen State." Here tourists may spend a few hours, returning to Brisbane by an evening train, or they may continue their journey to Warwick and Killarney, thus getting an opportunity of seeing that famous stretch of country, the Darling Downs, than which there is nothing finer in the Commonwealth.

Another delightful trip from Brisbane is along the North Coast Railway. Tourists can either go for a one-day trip along the line, say as far as Nambour, or may continue by easy stages on to Rockhampton, with breaks of journey, say at Gympie (an important goldfield), Maryborough (pleasantly situated on the Mary River), and Bundaberg (the centre of a rich sugar-growing district). Rockhampton, the capital of Central Queensland, is well worth a visit. From there that world's wonder, the Mount Morgan Mine, can easily be reached by rail (24 miles). Permission is easily obtained to view this marvellous mountain of gold and copper. From Rockhampton the journey northwards may be resumed by joining the coastal steamer at Keppel Bay, or returning to Gladstone and joining the mail steamer which leaves that port every Saturday.

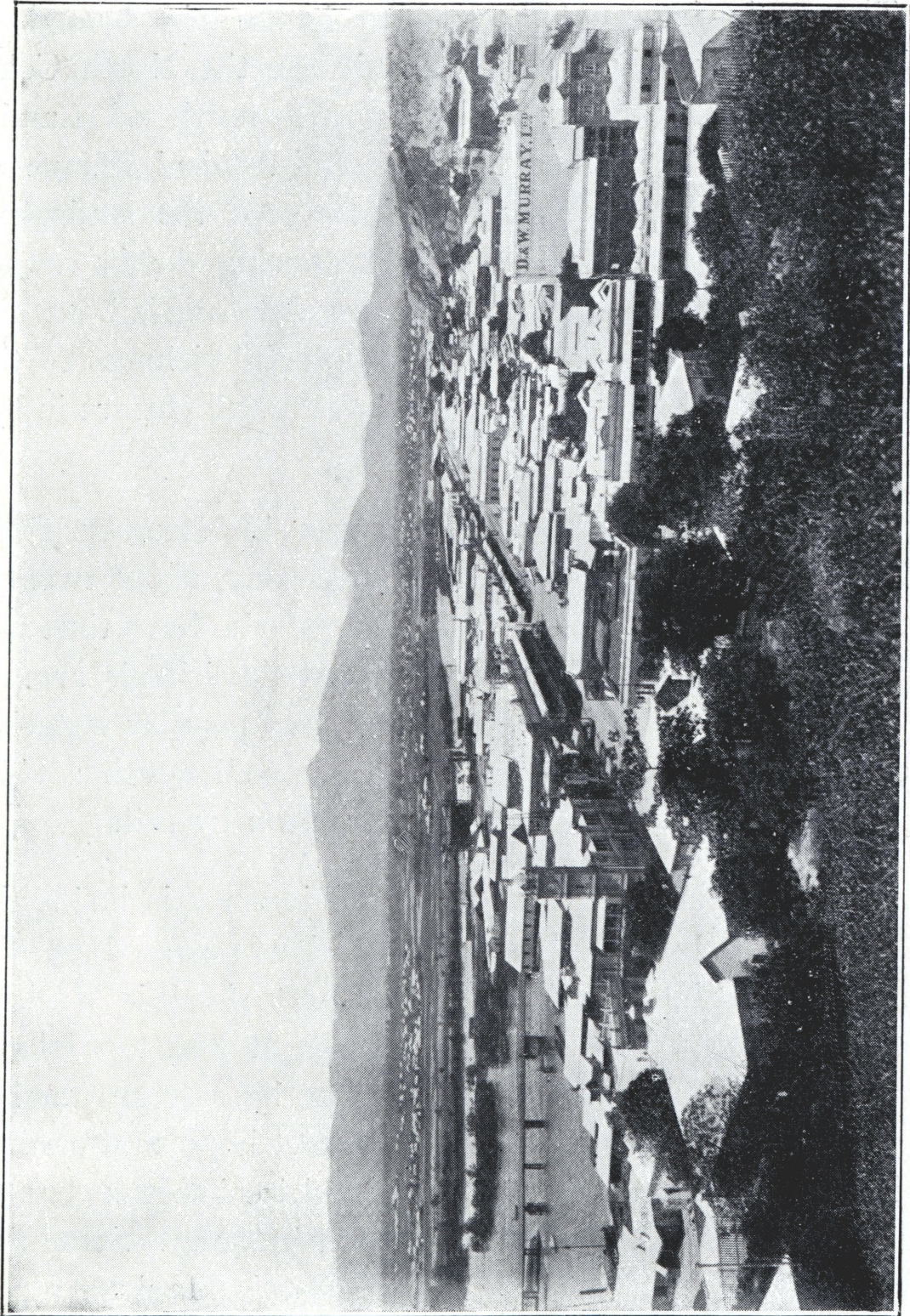


QUAY STREET, ROCKHAMPTON (FITZROY RIVER, LOOKING FROM NORTH ROCKHAMPTON).

Those who have not the time to do the trip through to Rockhampton by rail should certainly see the North Coast line as far as Nambour. The scenery north of Landsborough is most magnificent. The semi-tropical foliage of the Blackall Range is a striking feature of the landscape. Beautiful palms, ferns, orchids, and flowering shrubs cannot fail to impress the tourist. The regular rainfall on the Blackall Range, together with the wonderful richness of the soil, produces prolific vegetation, and clothes all Nature in her richest garbs.

Resuming the journey northwards by steamer from Brisbane, the first port of call is Keppel Bay, about twenty-seven hours' run from the capital. Those who have time can spend a most enjoyable holiday amongst the islands around Keppel Bay. Emu Park and Yeppoon, two popular watering places on the shores of Keppel Bay, are well worth a visit. They are easily reached from Rockhampton by rail.

From Keppel Bay northwards the journey is inside the Great Barrier Reef, and the many islands passed on the voyage are most interesting. The next port of call is Mackay. Here the steamer goes to the anchorage at Flat-top Island, and passengers are conveyed to Mackay by a steam tender. The district surrounding the town is a most important one. It is the home of the sugar industry, and a drive into the country convinces one of the importance of that industry. Some fine agricultural and dairying country surrounds Mackay.

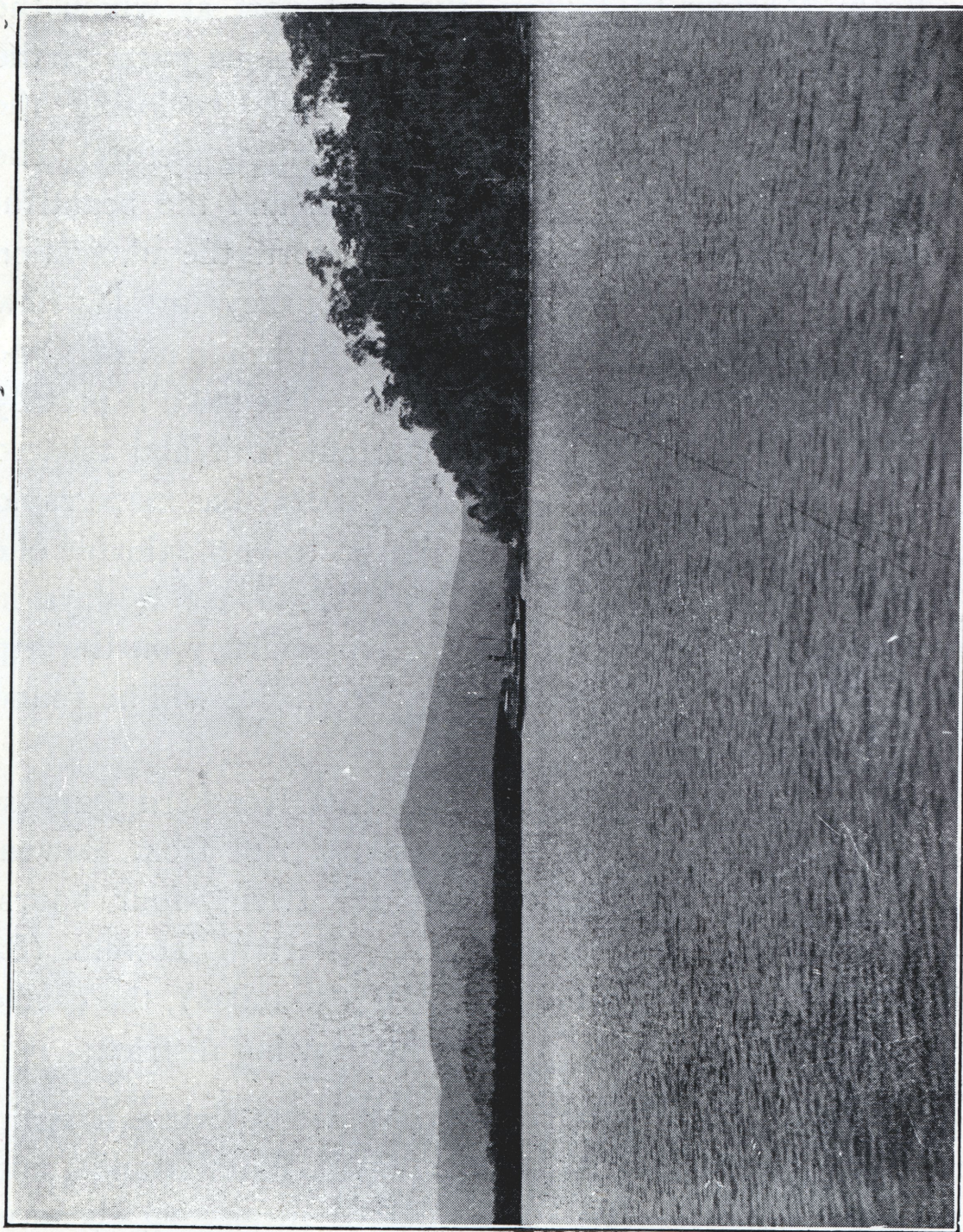


TOWNSVILLE.

From Mackay to Bowen, the next port at which the steamer touches, is one of the most picturesque parts of the journey. The chain of beautiful islands enclosing the famous Whitsunday Passage presents a striking picture. The invariably smooth water of the Passage, and the beautiful verdure of the islands, cannot fail to call forth the admiration of the beholder. Every mile of the journey unfolds new beauties until the steamer rounds the bold headland of Cape Gloucester and Bowen comes into view. The town is prettily situated, and the district is an important fruit and tobacco growing centre. The cultivation of cigar-leaf has made rapid strides of late, and the industry promises to be a valuable one to the State. Tourists who wish to spend a few days in Bowen are recommended to break their journey on the trip southwards, as by so doing the steamer service will be found more convenient.

Townsville, the commercial capital of Northern Queensland, is reached after about nine hours' run from Bowen. Here the steamer usually remains for twenty-four hours. From Townsville tourists can visit Charters Towers (82 miles), an important goldfield, or Ayr (50 miles), the centre of a most important and rising sugar-growing district.

The steamer journey from Townsville to Cairns is again amongst island scenery, Magnetic Island, Palm Islands, and Hinchinbrook presenting a scene of surpassing beauty. Cairns is reached after a run of 160 miles, and tourists here



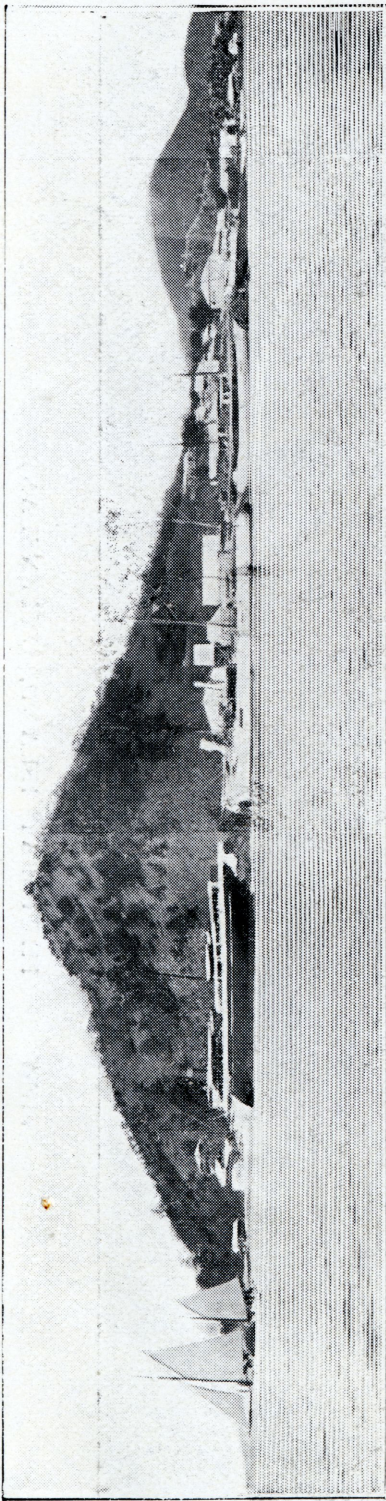
HINCHINBROOK PASSAGE.

find themselves in the beauty spot of the Winter Paradise. The winter climate is salubrious, and the trips which can be made from Cairns are numerous and varied. Tourists should be prepared to spend a week or two in Cairns and its surroundings. The railway trip from Cairns to Kuranda is one which has no equal in Australia. For the purposes of this leaflet no detailed description of the Cairns district is necessary. The Stony Creek Falls and Barron Falls are worth travelling the length of Australia to see. The magnificent and majestic grandeur of the scenery along the railway line baffles description. Tourists should spend a few days at Kuranda (the nearest town to the Barron Falls), and take the opportunity of seeing this "Wonderland of Australia." The artist and the devotee of the camera will find fresh charms on every hand, while those in search of rest and health will assuredly find them in this beautiful spot. The railway line extends some miles further on into the famous Atherton district, which has one of the finest climates in the world.

After leaving Cairns the next port of call is Port Douglas, and a few hours later the historic Cooktown is reached. There are so many things to interest one here, that the tourist will feel reluctant to leave the shores made memorable by the landing of Captain Cook. Amongst the many attractions to be noted is the excellent pig shooting to be found on the Annan River. From Cooktown one proceeds to Thursday Island, the northern gateway to the east coast of Australia. The Pearl-fishing Industry is the main point of interest here.



BARRON FALLS, CAIRNS RAILWAY



COOKTOWN, NORTH QUEENSLAND.

Tourists who travel by the larger steamer from Townsville to Cairns pass many important places at a distance, so should arrange to return from Cairns to Townsville by one of the smaller coastal mail steamers. These steamers travel closer inshore, and give tourists an opportunity to see the Johnstone River, Mourilyan Harbour, Cardwell, and thence through the world-famous Hinchinbrook Passage. The majestic beauty of the scenery in this passage is one of the grandest sights in Australia, and a better opportunity of seeing its beauty is obtained on the trip south. Many tourists miss this trip simply from want of knowledge, but it will well repay any additional time occupied on the trip.

In this small leaflet no attempt has been made to describe the various districts, as other leaflets and pamphlets, obtain-



VIEW OF THURSDAY ISLAND, QUEENSLAND.

able at the Queensland Government Intelligence and Tourist Bureau, are issued to tourists. Attention is simply directed to the principal points which are worthy the attention of travellers. No portion of the Australian coast can present such charms as the Queensland coast. The State is gradually becoming better known, and it is safe to say that none of those who have had the privilege of a trip up the coast to the far North have any feelings of regret or disappointment afterwards, unless perhaps that arrangements made before leaving precluded the possibility of remaining longer in this enchanting portion of Queensland.

Intending tourists are advised to book early in the coming season, because the number travelling this year is likely to be far in excess of any previous year. There is no trip offering to the public of Australia which can be accomplished at such reasonable cost and which can present so much of Nature's grandeur to the tourist as that to "The Winter Paradise of Australia."

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TABLE SHOWING MEAN SHADE TEMPERATURES.

STATION.	SHADE TEMPERATURE.	
	Mean Summer.	Mean Winter.
Perth	83	64
Adelaide	86	60
Melbourne	77	57
Sydney	77	60
Brisbane	85	69
Toowoomba	72	50
Stanthorpe	69	46
Rockhampton... ..	80	62
Townsville	82	67
Cairns... ..	81	70

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SHORT TRIPS FOR THE TOURIST WHILST THE STEAMER WAITS.

BRISBANE (*by rail*)— Miles.

Toowoomba	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	101
Southport	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50
Sandgate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13
Nambour	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	65

ROCKHAMPTON (*by rail*)—

Mount Morgan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Yeppoon	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34
Emu Park	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32
Olesen's Caves (drive)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17

TOWNSVILLE (*by rail*)—

Charters Towers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	82
Ayr	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50

CAIRNS (*by rail*)—

Herberton, <i>viâ</i> Kuranda and Atherton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	82
Malanda, Chillagoe Caves	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	83

QUEENSLAND RAILWAYS.

Joint Rail and Steamer Tickets—Brisbane and North Queensland.

Passengers for North Queensland are recommended to travel as far as Gladstone by the Mail Train, and then embark on a fine Mail Steamer, which leaves Gladstone at 1'30 p.m. every Saturday, arriving at Townsville early on Monday morning. Passengers then take the Steamer "Kuranda" or "Mourilyan," which leave for Cairns and Cooktown respectively soon after the arrival of the Mail Steamer.

When the Northern Mail Steamer arrives at Gladstone before 9'30 a.m. on Wednesdays, a Special Train will leave Gladstone for Brisbane at 9'40 a.m. Should the Steamer arrive later, a Special Train will leave Gladstone for Brisbane as soon after arrival as possible.

By this means the rough-water passage around Great Sandy Island is avoided, and the entire trip is made inside the Barrier Reef.

FARES :

STATIONS.					SINGLE.			RETURN.		
Between Brisbane and—					£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Mackay	...	...	...	...	6	6	3	10	15	9
Bowen	...	...	...	...	6	11	6	11	11	6
Townsville	...	...	...	...	7	2	0	12	2	0
Charters Towers	...	...	...	...	7	11	6	12	18	6
Ravenswood	...	...	...	...	7	11	0	12	17	6
Hughenden	...	...	...	...	8	14	0	14	19	6
Richmond	...	...	...	...	8	19	6	15	9	6
Cloncurry	...	...	...	...	9	10	6	16	9	0
Winton	...	...	...	...	9	3	6	15	16	6
Cairns	...	...	...	...	8	3	0	13	18	9
Kuranda	...	...	...	...	8	5	6	14	3	3
Mareeba	...	...	...	...	8	8	6	14	8	3
Atherton	...	...	...	...	8	11	0	14	12	9

Children 3 years of age and under 12 years of age, Half Fares; Children 12 years of age and over, Full Fares.

The Fares cover First Class Accommodation and Sleeping Berths on the Railway, and First Saloon on Board the Steamer.

Return Tickets are available for Six Calendar Months.

Tickets may be obtained from the A.U.S.N. Company's Offices at Brisbane, Mackay, Bowen, Townsville, Cairns, and Charters Towers, and at the Railway Stations at Brisbane, Charters Towers, Ravenswood, Hughenden, Richmond, Cloncurry, Winton, Kuranda, Mareeba, and Atherton.

Single Tickets and the forward portions of Return Tickets are available for one Calendar Month.

A Second Class Sleeping Car is running on the Rockhampton Mail Train. The charge is 2s. 6d. per berth, but no bedding or attendant is supplied.